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1. TOKYO SUGGESTS FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO GOJ AT
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS:

A. (RE ARGENTINA): EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN JAPANESE BANKS AND ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES RE POSSIBLE
LOAN TO ARGENTINA WERE SUSPENDED JUST PRIOR TO COUP AND THAT
JAPANESE ARE NOW WATCHING AND WAITING. WHAT ARE PROSPECTS
FOR RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS AND ON WHAT WILL FAVORABLE OUTCOME
OF DISCUSSIONS DEPEND?

B. (RE BRAZIL): EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS JAPANESE TRADING
COMPANIES HAVE SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF BRAZILIAN
SOYBEANS. WHAT ARE IMPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUED JAPANESE
PURCHASES OF AMERICAN SOYBEANS? EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS JAPANESE
INSIST BRAZILIAN PRICE CIF JAPAN WILL HAVE TO BE COMPETITIVE.
THIS PROBABLY WOULD REQUIRE SUBSIDIZATION OF TRANSACTION BY
BRAZILIANS AND COULD RAISE PROBLEMS UNDER NEW U.S. TRADE ACT

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RE UNFAIR COMPETITION (BY BRAZIL) IN THIRD COUNTRY (JAPAN)

MARKET. COULD JAPANESE COMMENT ON THIS?

C. (RE CUBA): WHAT ROLE IS JAPAN PLAYING, OR WHAT ROLE COULD JAPAN PLAY, IN ENCOURAGING CUBA TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM ANGOLA AND REFRAIN FROM INTERVENING MILITARILY IN OTHER POTENTIAL TROUBLE SPOTS IN AFRICA AND/OR LATIN AMERICA?

D. (RE PRIVATE INVESTMENT): AS JAPAN SWITCHES TO ERA OF LOW ECONOMIC GROWTH, NECESSITY FOR OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS MAY DECREASE. WHAT ARE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS POSSIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA?

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